

operate a Section 8 FSS program or for additional public housing units must operate a public housing FSS program.

(c) *Applicability*—(1) *Public housing*. This part applies to public housing assisted under the 1937 Act.

(2) *Indian Housing Authorities*. This part does not apply to Indian housing. The regulations governing Indian housing FSS programs are set forth in 24 CFR part 950, subpart R. The operation of a Section 8 FSS program is optional for Indian Housing Authorities (IHAs) that operate a certificate or voucher program. IHAs that elect to operate a Section 8 FSS program are subject to the requirements of this part, except that § 984.105(c) of this subpart A governing minimum program size does not apply to IHAs. Additionally, IHAs that received section 8 units under the FSS incentive award competitions and are operating a section 8 FSS program are not subject to the minimum program size requirements.

(3) *Section 8*. This part also applies to the Section 8 rental certificate program and the Section 8 rental voucher program authorized by Section 8 of the 1937 Act and implemented at 24 CFR parts 882, 887, and 982.

§ 984.102 Program objectives.

The objective of the FSS program is to reduce the dependency of low-income families on welfare assistance and on Section 8, public or Indian housing assistance, or any Federal, State, or local rent or homeownership subsidies. Under the FSS program, low-income families are provided opportunities for education, job training, counseling, and other forms of social service assistance, while living in assisted housing, so that they may obtain the education, employment, and business and social skills necessary to achieve self-sufficiency, as defined in § 984.103 of this subpart A. The Department will measure the success of a local FSS program not only by the number of families who achieve self-sufficiency, but also by the number of FSS families who, as a result of participation in the program, have family members who obtain their first job, or who obtain higher paying jobs; no longer need benefits received under one or more welfare programs; obtain a high school diploma

or higher education degree; or accomplish similar goals that will assist the family in obtaining economic independence.

§ 984.103 Definitions.

(a) The terms *1937 Act*, *Fair Market Rent*, *HUD*, *Indian Housing Authority (IHA)*, *Public Housing Agency (PHA)*, *Secretary*, and *Section 8*, as used in this part, are defined in 24 CFR 5.100.

(b) As used in this part:

Certification means a written assertion based on supporting evidence, provided by the FSS family or the HA, as may be required under this part, and which:

(1) Shall be maintained by the HA in the case of the family's certification, or by HUD in the case of the HA's certification;

(2) Shall be made available for inspection by HUD, the HA, and the public, as appropriate; and

(3) Shall be deemed to be accurate for purposes of this part, unless the Secretary or the HA, as applicable, determines otherwise after inspecting the evidence and providing due notice and opportunity for comment.

Chief executive officer (CEO). The CEO of a unit of general local government means the elected official or the legally designated official, who has the primary responsibility for the conduct of that entity's governmental affairs. The CEO for an Indian tribe is the tribal governing official.

Contract of participation means a contract in a form approved by HUD, entered into between a participating family and an HA operating an FSS program that sets forth the terms and conditions governing participation in the FSS program. The contract of participation includes all individual training and services plans entered into between the HA and all members of the family who will participate in the FSS program, and which plans are attached to the contract of participation as exhibits. For additional detail, see § 984.303 of this subpart A.

Earned income means income or earnings included in annual income from wages, tips, salaries, other employee compensation, and self-employment. (See 24 CFR 813.106(b)(1), (2) and (8) and 913.106(b)(1), (2) and (8).) Earned income